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Beach Update/Rip Current Warning

Tides and surf will be higher than normal. Please understand as tides get high it can result in sand being washed out from the bottom of public beach accesses, which will cause a drop-off. Staff will not be able to address this until after the storm event, so please be proceed with caution.

The Town of Surf City is urging all beach goers to be very cautious in the ocean this weekend as Hurricane Isaias approaches our shores. As weather systems such as tropical storms approach, we will see the development of rough surf conditions and increases in rip currents. These conditions are very dangerous and can be life threatening. Please stay tuned to local forecast and beach condition alerts from the Town of Surf City and the Surf City Fire Department. If you do find yourself in the ocean and begin to struggle, do not panic. Try to get the attention of others on shore and swim parallel to shore. Once you are out of the outgoing current (rip current) you can then swim back to shore. Please remember to stay calm and try your best to float if you cannot make headway swimming.

This link is a good tool to see the beach condition forecast and predictions from the National Weather Service.

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This is a good link to learn more about rip current dangers from the National Weather Service and the United States Lifesaving Association https://www.weather.gov/media/safety/rip/rip brochure 51419b.pdf

If you see someone in trouble, please dial 911 and report it. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact the fire department at (910) 329-1260.